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HISTORY OF NAVAL AIR STATION
Whidbey Island
Oak Harbor, Washington

1 January 1967 - 31 December 1967

Chronology

18-20 Jan 1967	Mr. George Williams from Western Area, Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service, Oakland, Calif. visited.
1 Feb 1967	Supply Support Center Division was operationally established.
7-8 Feb 1967	Commander (b) (6) and Commander (b) (6) COMPAIRSINGS-PAC Staff Maintenance/Supply Assistance Team visited.
13 Feb 1967	The Navy Exchange Cafeteria officially reopened after completion of remodeling.
21 Feb 1967	Mr. Jack W. Knappik, Property Sales Specialist from Defense Surplus Sales Office made a liaison visit to the Property Disposal Office.
27-28 Feb 1967	Captain L. E. SHEA, COMNAVAIRPAC Forces Supply/Comptroller Officer was aboard.
11 Mar 1967	The tenth Miss Navy Whidbey Island Contest and Coronation was held.
15 Mar 1967	The Station's Board of Examiners disestablished and records and registers were transferred to Seattle.
2-5 Apr 1967	Mr. Charles Staton, Field Support Representative from Naval Air Systems Command visited the Data Processing Department.
3 Apr 1967	A 60-foot truck scale was placed into operation at Building 369.
5 Apr 1967	The Material Control Division moved to Hangar 6.
19 Apr 1967	Honorable Robert H. B. Baldwin, Under Secretary of the Navy and Rear Admiral William E. FERRALL, Commandant of the 13th Naval District visited.
21 Apr 1967	MILCON F-165 Shops Consolidation Project was completed. This Project moved the Avionics Division into Hangar 6 and the Airframes and Power Plants Divisions into Hangar 5.
12 May 1967	Device 18F22 (Flash Blindness Trainer) was placed in operational use by the Aviation Physiology Training Branch.

22 May 1967 Canadian Reserve training ship HMCS PORTE QUEBEC docked for an overnight stay.

23 May 1967 Mr. James M. Zucco, Manpower Utilization Specialist from Navy Subsistence Office visited.

29 May 1967 NAS Whidbey aircraft UH2B BUONO 150174 crashed east of Bellingham, Washington.

1 Jun 1967 A Multilith Model 1250W offset duplicating machine was installed, on a rental basis, in the Central Duplicating Office.

2 Jun 1967 Captain D. K. CULP, Sr., CEC, assumed duty as Public Works Officer.

10 Jun 1967 Commander (b) (6) CHC, relieved Commander (b) (6) CHC, as senior chaplain.

22 Jun 1967 An Ozalid Streamliner self-contained reproduction unit was installed in the Photographic Laboratory.

27 Jun 1967 Captain V. E. SENTER, MC, USN relieved Captain E. M. HEDGECOCK, MC, USN as Medical Officer.

1 Jul 1967 The NAS Whidbey civilian ceiling was increased to 797.

1 Jul 1967 Lieutenant (junior grade) (b) (6) relieved Lieutenant (junior grade) (b) (6) as Disbursing Officer.

5 Jul 1967 The Public Works Department received the Model Public Works Program Certificate.

20 Jul 1967 Rear Admiral E. C. RAFFETTO, DC, USN, Inspector General, inspected the Dental Department.

28 Jul 1967 HML (b) (6) oldest man in the U. S. Navy, retired.

3 Aug 1967 Two complete Ritter Operating Units were installed in the Dental Department.

24 Aug 1967 Commander (b) (6) USN, relieved Lieutenant (b) (6) USNR, as Public Affairs Officer.

25-27 Aug 1967 A static display was furnished during the Island County Fair.

1 Sep 1967 Grand opening of the remodeled Commissioned Officers' Mess was celebrated.

9-10 Sep 1967 NAS Whidbey Island celebrated the 25th year of commissioning of the Air Station.

25 Sep 1967 Improved messenger mail, U. S. mail and message delivery system implemented.

25 Sep 1967 The RBS Unit Spokane was physically relocated to Medical Lake.

30 Sep 1967 Due to lack of operating funds 50 temporary employees were terminated.

2 Oct 1967 New separate fuel pier for receiving aviation fuels by barge was completed.

4 Oct 1967 Construction of an additional rocket/moving target range at Boardman was authorized.

4-6 Oct 1967 Commander (b) (6) Logistics Planning, COMNAVAIRPAC, made an informal observation of Supply and Intermediate Maintenance functions.

6 Oct 1967 Admiral Roy JOHNSON from COMNAVAIRPAC visited Intermediate Maintenance Avionics spaces.

6 Oct 1967 Lieutenant (b) (6) relieved Lieutenant (b) (6) as Armory and Range Officer.

16 Oct 1967 Intermediate Maintenance Department received an on-site calibration van.

27 Oct 1967 AS Whidbey observed Navy Day.

31 Oct 1967 The Coupeville Airstrip was officially reopened for beneficial occupancy.

1 Nov 1967 The Security Department Fire School was established.

15 Nov 1967 An Itek Platemaster was installed in the Central Duplicating Office.

16 Nov 1967 The Recreation Division assumed operation of the Station Nursery.

16 Nov 1967 The new Aviators Equipment Building was officially opened.

17 Nov 1967 Commander (b) (6) relieved Commander (b) (6) as Intermediate Maintenance Officer.

20-22 Nov 1967 Mr. Bruce Piper from COMNAVAIRPAC visited the Data Processing Department.

1 Dec 1967 The Maintenance Control Division moved to Hangar 6.

1 Dec 1967 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit, Pacific, Detachment Whidbey was established.

1 Dec 1967 Lieutenant (junior grade) (b) (6) relieved Lieutenant (junior grade) (b) (6) as Disbursing Officer.

4 Dec 1967 Lieutenant (b) (6) SC, USN and Mr. N. A. Raboin,
Supply Management Representative from the Fleet Material
Support Office were aboard.

6 Dec 1967 The NAS Whidbey civilian ceiling was increased to 812.

8 Dec 1967 Warrant Officer (b) (6) relieved Lieutenant
(b) (6) as Advanced Underseas Weapons Officer.

16 Dec 1967 Twenty-one Public Works employees were involved in a
reduction-in-force. After reassignment was completed
only one employee was separated.

30 Dec 1967 Construction of a new loading dock at Building 262 was
completed.

HISTORY OF NAVAL AIR STATION
Whidbey Island
Oak Harbor, Washington

1 January 1967 - 31 December 1967

Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island is Captain Beecher SNIPES, who assumed command on 12 August 1966 (refer to Appendix A for photographs and biography).

The mission of NAS Whidbey Island is to maintain and operate facilities and provide services and material to support operations of aviation activities and units of the Operating Forces of the Navy and other activities and units, as designated by the Chief of Naval Operations.

The organization established to execute the assigned mission is included in Appendix B.

On 31 December 1967, there were 87 officers (directory included in Appendix B), 709 enlisted personnel, and 746 civilian employees on board.

NARRATIVE FOR STATION EVENTS

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS

Chaplain

1. Four chaplains, three Protestant and one Catholic, continue to be assigned to fulfill the functions of the Chaplains' Office, serving both the Naval Air Station and Seaplane Base Chapels. Appendix C contains a picture of the Naval Air Station Chapel interior.
2. In April, the Protestant and Catholic Chapel groups combined to provide two Chapel and community experiences; the showing of the symbolic film, "The Parable", followed by separate adult and youth group discussions; and the presentation in the Chapel sanctuary of G. B. Shaw's play, "Saint Joan," by the famous Bishops Company Players.

3. Upon promotion to Commander, CMC, Chaplain (b) (6) became the Senior NAS chaplain with the detachment of the incumbent, Chaplain (b) (6), on 10 June. On 8 June, a significant step was taken with the hiring of Mrs. Betty Keating as a social worker for the NAS Navy Relief Auxiliary. Chaplain (b) (6) reported for duty and was appointed Executive Secretary of the NAS Navy Relief Auxiliary.

4. In July, Chaplain (b) (6) detached for duty in Viet-Nam, and Chaplain (b) (6), also a local church pastor, reported for his two weeks' ACDUTRA. In August, a solid thrust in religious education was made with 324 children enrolled in the two-week Vacation Bible School. Forty-four volunteer teachers and aides worked daily with children, from pre-school to junior high level. Also in August, changes in the office staff implementing CIVSUB II, resulting in hiring a GS-5 Secretary (steno), and in the detachment of all three enlisted clerk-yeomen. Further hiring of civilian help under CIVSUB II was deferred. Also in August, Chaplain (b) (6) arrived for duty from Viet-Nam, bringing the office staff again to full strength.

5. Summer was a time for the continuing Chaplains Corps' training program. Chaplain (b) (6) attended the Chaplains' Professional Seminar in San Diego in July, and the Executive Development Seminar for Chaplains, on the University of California campus at Berkeley, in September. Chaplain (b) (6) attended the Chaplains' Professional Seminar at Treasure Island in San Francisco in August. With the beginning of school in September, Chaplain (b) (6) recruited a new staff of ten lay teachers and assistants for the Sunday evening religion classes given the Catholic high school youth under his auspices, and

initiated a continuous teacher training program under his direction.

6. Fuller insight and undergirding in Christianity was offered NAS personnel in October with the five-day adult study series, "Conversations in the Christian Faith," led by professional guest teacher, Mr. Kenneth Stenberg, of Everett, Washington. Annual Laymen's Sunday in October was a special opportunity for six laymen of the chapel to take special part in Protestant worship services at both chapels.

7. From the chaplains' quarterly statistical reports, the following information, applicable to the chaplains' activities, is significant:

Sunday and weekday services	415
Attendant at these	32,966
Number who communed	11,155
Private communion given to	14
Bible class sessions	60, with 499 in attendance
Religion class sessions	136, with 14,203 in attendance
Choir rehearsals	117, with 1,787 in attendance
Adult baptisms	12
Child baptisms	100
Weddings	56
Funerals (Programs of service held in the Chapel are included in Appendix C)	18
Private religious instructions	168
Pastoral calls to Station Hospital	1,567
Pastoral calls to homes	261
Professional counselling interviews	1,798
Moral leadership lectures	29, with 790 in attendance
Articles for publication	52

Religious films shown

38, with 1,486 in attendance

General Safety

1. During 1967, continuing emphasis was given to accident prevention and investigation of accidents by first-level supervisors. The Mission-Safety 70 Program was publicized to aid in accident prevention.
2. The Industrial accidents' record for calendar year 1967 shows a perfect year for military personnel with no lost-time accidents reported. The civilian record was 8.79 accidents per million man-hours worked.
3. The Safety Office established the new National Safety Council Defensive Driving Program as a continuing part of "OPERATION DRIVE-SAFE". This eight-hour class was given to approximately 3,500 students in squadron and department presentations.

Public Affairs

1. Forty-six members of the Eugene Council of the Navy League of America visited the Station for a one-day orientation tour on 19 January. The group arrived from Eugene, Oregon, at 1000 aboard the Station's C-54. The program for the day included mission briefings by Commander Fleet Air, Whidbey and the Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island; a tour of each type of tactical squadron aboard; a visit to FAETUPAC's static survival display; and a guided tour through the Naval Air Maintenance Training Facility. All went well until departure time, scheduled for 1900, when the C-54 developed a malfunction. The trouble had not been resolved by midnight, so the group was driven to Seattle in a Navy bus where they chartered a commercial bus for their return to Eugene.

2. On 11 March, the 10th Miss Navy Whidbey Island Contest and Coronation was held in the Station Theater. Miss Margie Hayden of Oak Harbor won the title, with Miss Beverly Kaye of Coupeville as her First Princess and Miss Pat Jones, also from Oak Harbor, as her Second Princess. The contest was sponsored jointly by the Air Station and the North Whidbey Chamber of Commerce. This was the largest contest ever held, with 21 contestants; and a standing-room-only crowd in the Station Theater attested to the interest and popularity of the event. The success of the 1967 program made it doubly hard for the Commanding Officer to have to announce that, due to a change in regulations governing naval participation in certain types of public affairs, the Naval Air Station would not be able to co-sponsor the affair in 1968.
3. Eighteen Sea Scouts from Minneapolis, Minnesota, visited the Station 21 March as part of their Northwest tour as guests of the Thirteenth Naval District.
4. Honorable Robert H. B. Baldwin, Under Secretary of the Navy and Rear Admiral William E. FERRAIL, Commandant of the Thirteenth Naval District visited on 19 April.
5. HMCS FORTE QUEBEC, a Canadian Reserve training ship, tied up at the Seaplane Base Pier 22 Bay for an overnight stay and a tour of the Station. May was a record month for the number of people who visited the Station with our guided tour program--1,433 visitors were given a close look at their Navy. Ninety per cent of the visitors were school children between the ages of 12 and 16.
6. During the month of July, the Public Affairs Office conducted tours for five Head-Start Program groups from Mount Vernon, Burlington,

Sedro Woolley, Anacortes, and LeConner. There were 328 children participating in these visits in the 4-6 age group. Each group was given a bus ride up and down the flightline escorted by a "Follow Me" vehicle complete with flashing lights, after which they had lunch in the mess hall.

7. Three small Canadian Reserve ships docked at the Seaplane Base Pier 25 July for an overnight stay and refueling stop. A guided tour of the Station was arranged for the 24 reservists on the ships.

8. On 24 August, Commander (b) (6) relieved Lieutenant (b) (6) as Public Affairs Officer. At the request of the Island County Fair Association, the Naval Air Station furnished a static display at the Fairgrounds 25-27 August. Materials for the display were furnished by various fleet squadrons and tenant activities. Approximately 20,000 visitors to the Island County Fair visited the Navy booth.

9. An Anniversary Air Show, celebrating the 25th year of commissioning of the Air Station, (Appendix C) was held 9-10 September. Governor and Mrs. Dan Evans were honored guests on 9 September (Photographs in Appendix C). Another very honored guest was Lieutenant Commander (b) (6) son of Commander (b) (6) for whom Ault Field was named. Despite adverse weather conditions, (fog on the Station and heavy rains on the mainland Saturday with more rain on Sunday), 35,000 people attended the show. The Blue Angels (See Appendix C) and the Flying Professor were the headline acts, but the complete show could be given only on Saturday as the rain set in within the first 30 minutes of the start of the Sunday show and it had to be cancelled.

10. Thirty-nine members of the combined Salt Lake City and Ogden councils

of the Navy League of America arrived by Navy aircraft to visit the Station on 21 September. On 22 September, the local Navy League took the group salmon fishing; and on the following day, our Air Operations Department returned them to Salt Lake.

11. On 5 October, the Bremerton Council of the Navy League of America came to the Station for a one-day orientation tour. There were 25 in the group who toured the Station.

12. Since the Station had just held its 25th Anniversary Air Show in September, it was decided to modify the observance of Navy Day on 27 October. Members of the local Navy League and their families were invited to the mess hall for lunch; and, in the evening, the enlisted clubs and the CPO Club had special entertainments for invited civilian guests. A free movie was shown at the Station Theater.

13. The Public Affairs Office planned and conducted 97 guided tours for organized groups totaling 4,926 people during the year, an increase of 1,844 more visitors than had visited the Station on guided tours in prior years.

COMPTROLLER DEPARTMENT

1. In March, Mr. Carroll Haralson, Mr. Bert Bjorling, and Mr. James Hughes attended a Resources Management Seminar at NSC Oakland.

2. On 1 July, Lieutenant (j.g.) (b) (6), Disbursing Officer, was relieved by Lieutenant (j.g.) (b) (6) and on 1 December, Lieutenant (j.g.) (b) (6) was relieved by Lieutenant (j.g.) (b) (6) (b) (6).

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

1. The Station's civilian ceiling was increased to 797 effective 1 July. Later, on 6 December, COMNAVAIRPAC made the most recent ceiling change as follows: regular workload - 748, CIVSUB II (through 2nd quarter) - 59, Southeast Asia - 5, for a total of 812.

2. Wage and Classification Division

a. During October and November, a Wage Change Survey of the Puget Sound, Washington, area was conducted by the Regional Office of Civilian Manpower Management, San Francisco. This survey resulted in an average increase of 12¢ per hour, effective 3 December, for ungraded employees of this activity.

b. The Wage and Classification Division classified or rated 222 positions during the reporting period. Of this number, 63 were positions established under Phase II of the Civilianization Program. The majority of these positions were professional, administrative or technical in nature, of higher grade levels in such areas as Air Traffic Control, Ground Electronics, Calibration Laboratory, Mess Manager, and Data Processing. Establishment of these positions resulted in a rise in the average grade level for the activity from 5.35 to 5.56.

c. Categorization of positions under the provisions of the Position Management Program continued. A total of 549 positions were placed in Category I during the year.

3. Employment Division

a. After approximately twenty years, the Station's Board of Examiners was disestablished and on 15 March all records and registers were transferred and combined with those of the Interagency Board of

Examiners in Seattle, Washington. However, prior to this move, 15 competitive examinations were held, which resulted in 183 applications being rated. Since March, 161 requests were made to fill 273 vacancies, resulting in 130 positions being filled from registers after 713 considerations.

b. During the past year, 138 announcements were issued under the Station's Merit Promotion Program for 160 positions, resulting in 501 applications rated. The following action was taken on the vacancies:

(1) Number filled by promotion	104
(2) Number filled by outside hires	17
(3) Number canceled/suspended	<u>39</u>
	160

c. During the period June through September, 16 youths were hired under the Youth Opportunity Campaign, and 2 were hired under the President's Stay-in-School Campaign.

d. In August, the Station entered into a servicing agreement with the Fleet Air Electronics Training Unit, Pacific, San Diego, to support the Whidbey Detachment. One facet of this support involved recruiting service; and since August, 16 positions were recruited for and filled.

e. On 30 September, temporary employees, who were filling positions for which there was no ceiling, were terminated.

f. Under the Civilian Substitution Program, 11 positions under Phase I, and 26 positions under Phase II were filled. In addition to NASWHIDBEY, 9 positions at the Radar Bomb Scoring Unit, Medical Lake, were added to the complement of the Air Operations Department under this program.

g. As a community service and also to support the recruiting and placement program at this activity, three sessions at the Washington State Employment Office in Anacortes were held to inform applicants of our needs, and advise them on filling out job applications and of the benefits derived from Federal employment.

h. There were 182 separations and 194 accessions. Ungraded turnover rate was 19 percent; graded was 30 percent. The overall turnover rate was 25 percent. These rates include YOCs and applicants who were given temporary appointments which were terminated due to lack of Station funds.

i. A reduction in force was effected among Public Works' employees, paid out of BPN 90 funds, because of a shortage in funding, with notices given to 21 employees on 16 December. Fortunately, all but one employee were placed in other positions before the effective date for separation.

4. Training Division. The following summarizes the training conducted for Station employees during the year:

a. Fifty supervisory development sessions were held as management training.

b. Twenty-four Public Works' supervisory personnel completed an 18-hour course in "Work Improvement."

c. Eighteen Station personnel completed a 10-hour course in "Principles and Techniques of Job Instruction."

d. Twenty-three employee indoctrination sessions were conducted resulting in 934 man-hours of training received.

e. A record 58 employees were enrolled in Navy and Air Force correspondence or home study courses for self development.

f. There were 51 participants in off-station training courses, conferences, seminars, or workshops.

g. Fifty on-the-job or at-the-desk training sessions were conducted.

5. Employee Relations and Services Division

a. The following one-year safety awards were presented on 14 April:

Shop Awards	31
Supervisor Awards	26
Safe Driving	41

b. Two employees and one enlisted man were nominated for the 1967 Employee of the Year Award. They were:

Elaine Thrasher, Supply Management Assistant, GS-5

Donald J. Goodwin, Supervisory General Engineer, GS-13

CS2 (b) (6), USN

c. Eighteen employees retired during 1967 on immediate annuities.

d. The Station was included in the Navy's Honorable Mention Listing for its achievement in the Beneficial Suggestion Program during Fiscal Year 1967. This Division received 154 suggestions from which 40 were adopted.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Office Services Division

1. On 1 June, a second multilith machine, Model 1250W, was installed, on a rental basis, in the Duplicating Office to accommodate the steadily increasing demand for duplicating services. An Ittek Platemaster, Model 910SS, was purchased 15 November.
2. On 25 September, an improved messenger mail, U. S. Mail, and message delivery system was effected. In addition to the regular messenger and mail delivery, the revised system provides messenger mail service to tenant activities, and U. S. Mail and message delivery and pickup service to all Station departments.

Recreation Division

1. The inventory of all recreation equipment has increased. In June, six 11½-foot aluminum boats were procured. Also in June, one 22-foot sailboat and three 14-foot sailboats were acquired, thereby making it possible to establish the Whidbey Yacht Club. In September, a 21-foot camp trailer was received, and four horses at the Stables were replaced. Seventy-six guns (30 shotguns and 46 rifles) were received during the year. In November, a new 16 mm projector was installed in the Station Theater.
2. A new tee (#18) was built at the Golf Course in June.
3. On 16 November, the Recreation Division assumed operation of the Station Nursery.

Officers' Messes Division (Commissioned Officers' Mess Branch)

1. On 1 June, the position of General Mess Manager was deleted and two positions were established--Mess Manager OPEN and Mess Manager CLOSED.

Mr. Jesse Hall, Mess Manager OPEN, attended the BUPERS Mess Management School 15 June - 15 July at Patuxent River, Maryland; and, during the week of 24 July, attended the Northwest Military Club Managers' Seminar in Seattle, Washington. In October, Mr. Lawrence Jacque, Mess Manager CLOSED, attended a Mess Management Training School at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, California.

2. In July, a \$112,385 remodeling project was begun at the Commissioned Officers' Mess. The Grand Opening was held 1 September.

3. During the first half of FY 1967, the COM realized a 720 percent increase in net profit over the profit realized during the same period of FY 1966.

Chief Petty Officers' Mess Branch

1. During the week of 24 July, Mr. John Henderson, Mess Manager, attended the Northwest Military Club Managers' Seminar in Seattle; and, in October, attended a Mess Management Training School at the Naval Training Center, San Diego.

2. The following new equipment was installed in the Chief Petty Officers' Mess during 1967: In May, a National Cash Register, Model 21.912S-2-4 (BXC)AC-CN-1; in June, a meat slicer, U. S. Slicing Machine Company Model HCX; in July, a Superior ice making machine, Model 2W-203; and in November, a Toastmaster fry kettle, Model 14C4A, and roasting oven, Model TM18A12.

DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENT

1. Training. Mr. Ernest Maupin, GS-9, Computer Programmer, attended a DOD Resources Management Seminar in NSC Oakland from 20-23 March. In July, Mr. Donald Bulmer, Digital Computer System Administrator, and DP3 (b) (6), USN, attended Indoctrination to IBM 360 System Training Courses at IBM in Seattle.

2. Equipment and Improvement of Spaces

a. On 15 March, the 1232 Optical Mark Page Reader was released. A system study on machine feasibility indicated that the 1232 could not economically replace the present system. The Maintenance Contract on the 407 accounting machine was eliminated due to lack of requirement.

b. The soundproofing of the Data Conversion Branch area and the Processing Branch area resulted in improved working conditions for the entire department. The Systems Design and Programming Division was moved to an area previously occupied by the Post Office, giving them a quieter working atmosphere.

3. Improvement of Manpower Management. The Control Branch was reorganized from Accounts Maintenance Clerks to Computer Aids and their duties redefined. The Systems Design and Programming Branch was increased by two--a GS-9 and a GS-5, with the Supervisor established as a Systems Analyst, GS-11. In the Data Conversion Branch, two GS-4, Lead Operator, positions were established--one for the 3M Program and one for "other than 3M" programs. In the Processing Branch, two GS-5, Digital Computer System Supervisory positions were established--one for the primary shift and one for the secondary shift. On 1 October, the third shift TXR operation and three temporary positions in the

department were canceled in order to effect a savings in manpower. The authorized military positions were also canceled, and three TAD military reported for duty. On 25 November, Mr. Bulmer, the department head, transferred to a position with General Services Agency in Seattle. Mr. Howard Olsen, GS-11, Supervisory Systems Analyst, was detailed to the duties of department head.

4. Visitors. On 14-16 March, Lieutenant Commander (b) (6) of the Thirteenth Naval District, conducted an Area Coordination Inspection and recommended that a feasibility study group be established, composed of representatives of the various user departments. On 2-5 April, Mr. Charles Staton, Field Support Representative from Naval Air Systems Command, visited this activity to attain the current status of the new department. On 20-22 November, Mr. Bruce Piper, from COMNAVAIRPAC, visited to assist in resolving ADP Supervisory problems.

5. New Programs

- a. In May, the Station Telephone Directory was mechanized.
- b. In December, the following programs were implemented:
 - (1) AOE Inventory
 - (2) Medical Drug Listing
 - (3) Medical Equipment Listing
 - (4) Completely revised payroll procedures

SECURITY DEPARTMENT

1. In June, nine temporary civilian personnel were hired and trained to provide aircraft crash firefighting and rescue service for Outlying Field, Coupeville. Additional fire fighting equipment was obtained and the field was reactivated in August. Due to a reduction in funds, the temporary employees were terminated on 30 September, and the field was closed while military personnel were trained to fill these positions. Outlying Field, Coupeville, was reopened on a part-time basis on 31 October.
2. The Security Department fire school, which was established in accordance with COMNAVAIRPAC message 292123Z SEP 67, was activated on 1 November under the direction of Lieutenant (jg) (b) (6). During November and December, 618 squadron personnel completed the 16-hour Flight Deck Fire Fighting Indoctrination Course.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

1. Captain V. E. SENTER, MC, USN, relieved Captain E. E. HEDBLUM, MC, USN, as Medical Officer on 27 June.
2. Captain HEDBLUM, the Senior Medical Officer, delivered a lecture on Cold Weather Safety and Survival at Yakima Army Firing Center, Yakima, Washington, on 13 March. Commander (b) (6) NC, USN, Senior Nurse, and Lieutenant Commander (b) (6) MC, USN, attended Session II, Second Industrial Environmental Workshop in San Francisco on 12 February. Captain HEDBLUM, Lieutenant (b) (6) and Lieutenant (b) (6) attended the Fifth Annual Symposium on Respiratory Disease, 23-24 February. Lieutenant (b) (6) Aviation Physiologist, attended a meeting of the Aerospace Medical Association in Washington, D. C., 4-13 April 1967. Commander (b) (6) attended a Directors' Conference for Chiefs of Nursing Service at National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, 18-22 September. Lieutenant Commander (b) (6) attended the Tail Hook Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, 12-16 October. Chief Warrant Officer (b) (6) Aviation Physiologist, attended the Air Crew Protective Equipment Meeting held at Naval Air Station, Miramar, California, 31 October to 3 November. Lieutenant (b) (6) MC, USNR, attended the Third Dallas Post Graduate Course, "Treatment of Skeletal and Soft Tissue Injuries," 3-11 November at Dallas, Texas.
3. On 28 July, HML (b) (6) (see picture in Appendix C), oldest man in the U. S. Navy, retired at the age of 72. At ceremonies during Captain's Personnel Inspection, (b) (6) was presented with a letter of tribute from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Robert A. FROSCHE.

4. The following equipment was received during the year:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>
Spencer Microscope	March 1967
Sound Level Meter	July 1967
Stereoscope Vision Tester	November 1967
Electrocardiograph	April 1967
Diathermy Apparatus	April 1967
Table, Obstetrical	April 1967

Device 18F22 (Flash Blindness Trainer) was placed in operational use by the Aviation Physiology Training Branch with the first class of students being trained on 12 May. Device 9A2 (Low Pressure Chamber) was shipped to the Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington, 20 October to 22 November to effect repairs to the main door seal. An integrity inspection of all Aviation Physiology Training Unit devices was made by a device engineer from Headquarters, Fleet Airborne Electronic Training Unit, Pacific, West Coast, San Diego, California, on 11-12 December.

5. Statistical summaries of the Medical Department workload are as follows:

<u>Station Hospital and Naval Air Station Dispensary</u>	<u>1967</u>
Outpatients	63,203
Inpatients	1,271
Admission referrals	134
Flight physicals	1,188
Other physicals	2,608
Limited services	21,054

Immunizations	36,801
Refractions	1,112
Spectacles ordered	2,364
Prescriptions	79,303
Laboratory tests	55,790
X-ray film exposed	18,993
Electrocardiograms	1,098
Births	469
Inpatient deaths	2

Aviation Physiology Training for 1967

High Altitude and Oxygen Training

	<u>Lectures</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Navy</u>	<u>Air Force</u>	<u>Other</u>
30,000	44	58	337	0	13
35,000	63	91	566	0	43
<u>Night Vision Training</u>		<u>Navy</u>	<u>Lectures</u>		
Two-dimensional training		800	89		
<u>Ejection Seat Training</u>		<u>Navy</u>			
Ejection training shots		94			
Ejection training lectures		18			

DENTAL DEPARTMENT

1. The Dental Officer during this period was Captain G. W. WALTER, DC, USN.
2. During this reporting period, 14,817 patients received a total of 32,683 treatments.
3. On 20 July, Rear Admiral RAFFETTO, DC, USN, Inspector General, Dental, was aboard for inspection.
4. Two complete Ritter dental operating units were installed on 3 August.
5. In October, dental examinations at the Naval Radio Station, Jim Creek, Washington, were conducted by Commander (b) (6) and at the Naval Security Group Activity, Marietta, Washington, by Captain G. W. WALTER.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

1. Contracts completed during the year:

<u>Contracts</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NBy-65975	Aircraft Systems Training Building & 504-man EM Barracks	\$1,810,695
N6247667C0039	Shops Consolidation, Hangars 5 and 6	171,634
N6247667C0003	Extension of steam distribution	97,469
N6247667C0042	Replacing wood stave water mains	88,900
N6247667C0303	Electric service points, Parking Apron, Hangar 6	34,360
N6247667C0306	Truck weighing scale, Building 369	14,886
N6247667C0144	Survival Equipment Shop	305,925
N6247668C0009	Communication Line to Building 12	83,500
N6247667C0185	Repairs to Runway, OLF Coupeville	32,058
N6247667B0317	Waterproofing exteriors, Bldgs. 419 & 384	5,550
N6247667C0316	Special power receptacles, Hangar 4	23,481
N6247667C0313	Power, water, lighting for OLF Coupeville	18,850
N6247667C0312	Addition to Commissioned Officers' Mess	54,738
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N6247667C0310	Repairs to floats at Boathouse & Cornet Bay	14,400
N6247667C0308	Exterior painting of Public Quarters	21,584
N6247667C0307	Repairs to Tow-way I	37,974
NC6247667C0124	Remote High Frequency Receiver Facility	174,891
NC6247667C0143	Repairs to waterfront structures	97,254
NC6247667C0074	Repair roads at Boardman Bombing Range	44,428
NC6247668C0302	Reroofing Public Quarters	9,900

2. The following buildings and structures were disposed of during 1967:

Marginal Wharf, Seaplane Base
Building 185
Building 638 (Quarters destroyed by fire)

3. Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, was the first Navy establishment to receive the Model Public Works Program Certificate for achieving and maintaining a model Public Works Department. The award was presented to Captain Beecher SNIPES and Captain Dennis CULP by Vice Admiral A. M. SHINN, from COMNAVAIRPAC, on 5 July. (See appendix C)

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

1. Visits to other activities for training or liaison

- a. Lieutenant (jg) (b) (6) Food Service Officer, and CSC (b) (6) (b) (6) LCPO, Food Services Division, traveled to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington, on 23 January to meet with the 1966 Ney Award Evaluation Team.
- b. Lieutenant (b) (6) Control Division Officer, and (b) (6) (b) (6) Supervisory Purchasing Agent, attended the Defense Small Purchase Course at the Naval Supply Depot, Seattle, Washington, from 13-17 February.
- c. Lieutenant (b) (6), Assistant Control Division Officer, attended the Nuclear Weapons Supply Procedures Course at the Naval Air Station, North Island, 27 February to 3 March.
- d. Mr. Gordon E. Kidder, Supervisory Inventory Management Assistant from the Supply Support Center Division, attended the A6A Integrated Logistics Support Management Team Meeting at the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Plant, Bethpage, Long Island, New York, from 1-3 March.

e. Lieutenant (b) (6), Assistant Control Division Officer, and Mrs. Pearl M. Seiger, Supervisory General Supply Specialist, attended a conference at the Naval Air Station, Alameda, California, on problems relating to the implementation of Uniform Inventory Control Procedures, on 9 March.

f. William Abrahamse, Preservation Mechanic of the Traffic Branch, Packing Section, attended a two-week course on Preservation and Intermediate Protection at the Naval School, Oakland, California, from 13-24 March.

g. Russell Sachs, Storage Officer, attended the Warehouse Operations Workshop at the Naval Supply Center, Long Beach, California, from 3-7 April.

h. Lieutenant (jg) (b) (6), Support Center Division Officer, and Gordon Kidder, Supervisory Inventory Management Assistant, visited the Naval Air Stations at Miramar, Moffett Field, and Lemoore to review procedures used at the Air Stations in implementing the Navy Maintenance and Material Management System, and reviewed their solutions in resolving difficulties encountered in the 3M procedures. They traveled to the various stations from 2-8 April.

i. Mrs. Leona Maynard and Mrs. Hermina Slough, Shipment Clerks, Traffic Branch, Household Goods Section, attended the Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service Household Goods Symposium at the Sheraton Motor Inn, Seattle, Washington, on 11-12 April.

j. Mr. Leonard Domanski, Property Disposal Officer, attended a seminar conducted by the Defense Surplus Sales Office, Ogden, Utah, on 24-25 May. This seminar related to problems in connection with the sale of Government surplus property.

k. Chief Warrant Officer (b) (6), Assistant Control Division Officer, attended a Military Standard Contract Administration Procedure

Training Conference at the Naval Supply Center, Oakland, California, on 24 August.

1. CSC (b) (6) LCPO, Food Service Division, attended a Mess Management Training Course at the Naval Training Center, San Diego. This four-week course convened 24 September.

m. Mr. Ernest L. Briggs, General Foreman I (Fuel Operations) of the Fuel Branch, attended the Petroleum, Oils, and Lubricants Conference at the Navy Fuel Depot, San Pedro, California, on 23-25 October.

n. Mr. Paul Schooler, Leader Stockman, attended an orientation course sponsored by the Western Area Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service on Reporting of Transportation Discrepancies in Shipment, held at Fort Lawton on 26-27 October.

2. Visits of Personnel From Other Activities

a. Mr. George L. Williams from the Western Area Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service, Oakland, California, visited NASWHIDBEY Supply Department to discuss transportation and traffic management on 18-20 January.

b. Commander (b) (6) and Commander (b) (6), COMFAIRWINGSPAC Staff Maintenance/Supply Assistance Team, visited COMFAIRWHIDBEY and NASWHIDBEY Supply 7-8 February for the purpose of assisting in resolving an apparent SP-2H aircraft cannibalization problem.

c. Captain L. E. SHEA, COMNAVAIRPAC Force Supply/Comptroller Officer, visited 27-28 February to discuss supply effectiveness.

d. Mr. Jack E. KNAPPIK, Property Sales Specialist from the Defense Surplus Sales Office, made a liaison visit to the Property Disposal Office on 21 February.

e. Mr. Paul R. Coleman, Defense Supply Agency, made a liaison visit on 22-24 March for the purpose of discussing Defense Supply Agency Support.

f. Mr. James M. Zucco, Manpower Utilization Specialist from the Navy Subsistence Office, discussed problems pertaining to the feasibility of contracting for mess attendant services on 23 May.

g. Lieutenant (b) (6), SC, USN, Contracting Officer, and Mr. G. Walter Klump, Procurement Agent, Meats and Waterfoods Branch of the Defense Supply Agency, Subsistence Regional Headquarters, Seattle, visited on 24 May for the purpose of coordinating matters of mutual interest in the subsistence support area.

h. Mr. Paul R. Coleman made a Defense Supply Agency Customer Supply Assistance visit 5-7 July and conducted a complete review of all areas of supply support being furnished by the Defense Supply Agency.

i. Mr. Paul Halupa, Jr., Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., visited the Supply Department on 16-17 August in connection with Liquid Oxygen and Nitrogen problems.

j. Commander (b) (6), Logistics Planning, COMNAVAIRPAC, visited on 4-6 October. He made an informal observation of this Station's Supply and IMD functions with reference to supply support and other associated areas.

k. Mr. Paul R. Coleman again visited the Station and discussed support being rendered by DSA and provided requested assistance in resolving problems during this visit of 13-15 November.

l. Mr. Harry M. Garvine, Office of Field Assistance, and Mr. Roger R. Beck, Personal Property Division, Directorate of Inland Traffic for the

Western Area Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service, visited on 25-27 October to review transportation and traffic management and to provide technical assistance.

m. Lieutenant (b) (6), SC, USN, and Mr. N. A. Raboin, Supply Management Representative from the Fleet Material Support Office, were aboard on 4 December. The purpose of the visit was to obtain information on local conditions, render assistance in the resolution of mutual problems of inventory and financial management, and to provide information on current plans and programs at FMSO in its role as a Navy Retail Office.

3. Significant Beneficial Suggestion Awards and Commendations

a. After approval by the Naval Supply Systems Command, AK1 (b) (6) (b) (6) Control Division, was awarded a check for \$50 for his suggestion "S&A 791 - Addition to Format." Gordon Kidder, Material Division, received a check for \$75 for his suggestion "Reducing Paper Work."

b. Mr. Gary Endersby, Supply Support Center Division, shared an award of \$120 with Mr. Bernard Lockbrunner, Public Works, for suggesting that a power operated roller or slide be installed in the box trailer at the Commissary to facilitate unloading.

c. Orman F. Cook, Head Packer and Crater, Material Division, received the Navy Certificate of Merit for contributions to the cost reduction program in January. He suggested packing the gear of deploying squadrons in light, economical cartons for shipment overseas in sea vans, in lieu of heavy, expensive, wooden boxes. This resulted in a net savings to this Station of \$8,153 in labor, material, and shipping costs during FY 1966.

d. SK2 (b) (6) Food Services Division, was selected as military employee of the year for the Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island.

e. On 13 August, the following employees received superior performance awards: Ernie Briggs - \$200, George Morris - \$200, Paul Schooler - \$150, Gordon Kidder and Hermina Slough received quality salary increases.

f. Captain and Mrs. Carl E. JOHNSON, Supply Officer, received the first-place award for grounds care. Honorable mention went to Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. (b) (6) Assistant Supply Officer.

4. Supply Support Center Division

a. A Supply Support Center Division was operationally established, as suggested by the Navy Material Management and Maintenance Manual, effective 1 February. This reorganization consisted of combining the Technical and Autowriter Section of Control Division with the Supply Support Branch and Delivery Section of the Material Division into a separate division of Supply. This new division has the responsibility for all matters concerning the 3M system as well as establishing a direct liaison unit between NAS Supply Department and supported activities. Formal approval for reorganization was received from COMNAVAIRPAC on 2 November.

b. Early in the year, the Component Control Branch of the Supply Support Division was moved from Building 219 to Hangar 6, adjacent to the Material Control Division and Avionics Shops of the Intermediate Maintenance Department. This move allowed the paperwork on repairable items to be processed immediately upon entry or removal from the shops. After the paperwork was processed, the material was immediately moved to Building 369 for shipment off station or to be put in supply stock, ready for issue. Another advantage generated by this move was closer liaison and working relations with the Intermediate Maintenance Department.

c. The Supply Response Branch of the Supply Support Center Division consists of the Autowriter Section, Technical Section, and Material Issue and Delivery Section. The Autowriter and Technical Sections are located together at Building 369. The Material Issue and Delivery Section consists of the Rotatable Pool, Pre-expanded Bins, and the delivery of material. After many interim measures, the Rotatable Pool is now located in the Hangar 6 area, with the exception of wheels and tires. This has eliminated hauling pool material to Building 369 after repair in Hangar 6, and has lowered the delivery time to the end user.

d. At the beginning of 1967, there were 29 organizational pre-expanded areas. During the year, these were consolidated and the following pre-expanded bins are now in operation: (1) Building 122 (Nose Hangar) contains the A3 consolidated pre-expanded bins. Fast moving, low-cost, hand tools are stocked as pre-expand items in Building 122. (2) Pre-expanded items for the patrol squadrons, IMD Power Plants, IMD Airframes, and Air Operations are stocked in Hangar 5. (3) Due to a manpower shortage, the IMD Avionics and Electrical Material and the A6 pre-expand items were consolidated into one area in Hangar 6. (4) Weapons Shop. (5) Parachute Loft. (6) Building 972 - Liquid Oxygen/Nitrogen supplies.

5. Control Division

a. Program Management Branch. During the third quarter 1967, the Program Management Office was enlarged and internally reorganized. Program Managers were assigned to the A6A (2), A3B (1), SP-2H and OPS A/C (1), and IMA (1). In December, the responsibility for processing AOCP/ANFEs, BKIs, and anticipated NORS was transferred from Program Management to Stock Control.

b. Stock Control Branch. Implementation of UICP (Uniform Inventory Control Procedures) was accomplished 1 January. On 1 April, all stock cards were changed to reflect the price on Cognizance II forms, required by Naval Supply Systems Command.

c. In July, the Inventory Division and the Purchase Branch of the Control Division moved from crowded quarters in Building 113 to the area vacated by the Post Office in Building 113.

6. Material Division

a. On 3 April, the 60-foot truck scale was placed into operation at Building 369. This replaced a 20-foot scale that had been used at Building 21. The 60-foot truck scale made it possible to weigh the whole truck and trailer at one time and the new scale also prints the weight on the weight ticket.

b. On 2 October, a new separate fuel pier for the receiving of aviation fuels by barges was completed. This enables aviation fuel to be received at any time, regardless of weather conditions or operations at the main pier, such as when necessary for ammunition movements or the arrival of visiting ships. This new pier is sheltered from the prevailing winds and allows for safer fuel handling operation.

c. Modification to the JP-5 storage and issue system in Farm 4 was completed in November. This consisted of a complete by-pass system for the ready-issue Tank 362 to allow uninterrupted issue through the system even though one or more of the tank and pump units are in a state of maintenance.

d. Due to increased requirements for Liquid Oxygen and gaseous bottling of this product, a two thousand-gallon storage and issue

tank was made available through the assistance of COMNAVAIRPAC Ground Support at North Island. The tank was put into full operation in December. The additional storage supports a greater operation, allows down time on the other unit for preventive maintenance, and makes possible a greater saving on the delivery of Liquid Oxygen through contracting larger loads.

7. Disposal Division

a. During the period 30 April through 30 June, the Disposal Division developed and implemented a system to process used hypo to recover the dissolved silver. A recovery of .95 ounces of silver from each gallon of hypo was realized. The metallic displacement process was used for the recovery of the silver.

b. During the period 30 September through 30 December, a new loading dock was constructed at Building 262, the road from the scrap yard to the North Gate was improved with an asphalt surface, windows were installed on the north and south sides of Building 189 to improve the natural lighting and to improve the working conditions in the warehouse, and intercoms were installed in Buildings 189 and 262 to facilitate communications between the various buildings in the Disposal Division.

NAVY EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT

1. Captain Beecher SNIPES officiated at the reopening of the Navy Exchange Cafeteria, Building #119, on 13 February. The renovation included new serving line equipment to facilitate service to the patrons.
2. Lieutenant (b) (6) SC, USN, presented service award pins to sixteen Navy Exchange employees and one military man for employment periods of 5 years to 15 years at a luncheon given in their honor.
3. Modern laundry equipment valued at \$26,238 was installed during 1967; an Ajax flat-work ironer in February; a Washex self-contained drycleaning unit in September; and an Ajax presser in October. This equipment facilitates processing work in a more efficient manner and provides much improved service to the patrons.
4. Many work areas have been enhanced by the replacement of old vending machines with modern, attractive, and efficient operating machines. These 24-hour servants valued at \$91,247.60, satisfy the needs of many station personnel.
5. The Public Relations Program was amplified by meetings with eight wives' groups to discuss the mission, operating policies, and problem areas of the Navy Exchange; the availability of merchandise, and the feasibility of stocking various brands of merchandise in lieu of branded merchandise currently stocked, were discussed.
6. The balcony area of the Norwester Club is being refurbished. The installation of walnut grained formica tables, with gold tone chairs on a deep blue carpet under dimmer-type lighting will establish a luxurious lounge for authorized personnel.

AIR OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

1. Air Traffic Control Division

a. Air Operations increased with the buildup of A-6 squadrons to a total of 130,633 operations in Calendar Year 1967 compared with 99,834 in Calendar Year 1966.

b. Preliminary design studies were completed for an addition to Building 385 to be used in conjunction with the RATCC modernization program.

c. Civilian employee allowance in this division increased from six to seventeen in Calendar Year 1967.

2. Photographic

a. During the period 1 January - 31 December the Photo Lab produced 215,607 work units. The work units consisted of serial and ground negatives and prints in black/white and color, radarscope photography, motion picture films, Photostat and Ozalid prints and transparencies.

b. On 22 June an Ozalid "Streamliner" self-contained reproduction unit, capable of handling Diazo material up to 42 inches in width was installed.

c. The transfer of the RC45 aircraft seriously handicapped the Photo Lab's aerial photographic capability.

d. The three CIVSUB II positions authorized during this reporting period reduced the enlisted billet allowance to three PH1s and two PH2s.

3. Operations Maintenance Division

a. RC45J BUNO 51137 was transferred in March to Macon, Georgia, NAVAIRSYSCOM Field Support custody. C121J BUNO 131659 was inducted into overhaul at John F. Kennedy Airport, New York on 4 June and returned to NAS Whidbey Island on 27 July. RC45J BUNO 51190 was transferred in

September to MCAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. Also in September, the HU16C BUNO 142362 was transferred to Davis Monthan Air Force Base for storage.

b. On 29 May the UH2B BUNO 150174, while on a training mission, developed a tail assembly malfunction, crashing east of Bellingham without fatality or injury to crew. The aircraft was then transferred to North Island for repair.

4. Ground Electronics Maintenance Division

a. The YA-1 L/MF Radio Range and TZO Marker Beacon, equipments were decommissioned and removed from Building 58 in May and in June the AN/GPN-6 ASR sealane radar was decommissioned and removed from Maylor's Point.

b. Ground-to-air communications equipment was removed from the Seaplane Base Tower (Building 27) and installed at the newly reactivated OLF Coupeville airstrip in August. Also in August, the ground-to-air communications equipment at Auxiliary Field, Kitsap, was relocated to provide better coordination with the civil aircraft controllers and to provide the Navy controller an unobstructed view of the airstrip.

c. In August WO T. M. TARR and Mr. E. Harpham accompanied Mr. Hill of Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, to the Boardman Bombing Range for the selection of a site and planning for a Profile Tracking Radar System (AN/FPS-102).

d. Throughout the year of 1967, a continuing program to update the RATCC/Ground Electronics equipment, as well as dispose of obsolete/not required equipment, has been in effect.

e. Three conferences were held with station and NAVELEX and NAVELEXWEST representatives on the proposed FPN-47 Air Surveillance Radar installation and RATCC Modernization Program.

5. Radar Bomb Scoring Unit, Medical Lake

a. During the month of October, the RBS Unit was physically relocated from Spokane to the old Army NIKE Site, C-45, at Medical Lake, in accordance with CNO Message 081434Z JUL 67. The better part of 1967 was spent planning for the implementation of CIVSUB Phase II. Under this program all military personnel, with the exception of the Officer in Charge, were to be replaced by civilian personnel.

b. An additional radar tracking system, the AN/MSQ-1, became operational during the month of March and is being utilized to facilitate the training of NAS Whidbey-based aircraft in their ECM/AGM operations.

6. Boardman Bombing Range. NAVFAC ltr to CINCPACFLT FAC-1042/JSB:bjs of 4 October 1967 authorized the construction of an additional Rocket/Moving Target Range at Boardman. Personnel allowance was increased to 31.

INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

1. On 29 April, VA-196 deployed with the first Intermediate Maintenance Department trained SACE (Semi-Automatic Checkout Equipment) team. This team training concept proved to be of a positive value to fleet operations.

2. Admiral Roy L. JOHNSON from CINCPACFLT visited the department, with special interest in the Avionics spaces, on 6 October.

3. On 17 November, Commander (b) (6) relieved Commander (b) (6) as Intermediate Maintenance Officer.

4. There were 155,614 items processed through the department during 1967, including aircraft engines, accessories, avionics equipment, airframe components, ejection seats and parachutes. These items were processed for check and test, repair, and/or forwarding to overhaul activities, as applicable.

5. Material Control Division. On 5 April, the Material Control Division moved from Building 219 to Hangar 6 to centralize material/production efforts.

6. Maintenance Control Division. The Maintenance Control offices relocated from Building 219 to Hangar 6 on 1 December.

7. On 21 April, the MILCON P-165 shops consolidation project was completed. This project moved the Avionics Division into Hangar 6 and the Airframes and Power Plants Divisions into Hangar 5. Installation of modern maintenance facilities in three shop areas provides more efficient aircraft maintenance practices.

8. Calibration Laboratory Division

a. An on-site calibration van was received 16 October for use by the On-Site Calibration Teams which provide services for NAS Seattle, Adak, and Kodiak.

b. In 1967 the Calibration Laboratory repaired or calibrated 12,590 items of equipment. The civilian personnel ceiling was increased to 33.

9. Aviators Equipment Division. Captain E. J. WINTER officiated during the ribbon cutting ceremony on 16 November, which officially opened the new Aviators Equipment Building (see Appendix C). This was a \$310,000 project which provides modern facilities for maintaining, repairing, and issuing parachutes, survival gear, ejection seats, and oxygen regulating equipment.

10. Support Equipment Division. During 1967 the yellow equipment operators course, provided by this Division, was completed by 4,638 military personnel.

WEAPONS DEPARTMENT

1. Inspections:

14-16 March - COMTHIRTEEN Area Coordination Inspection

24-26 April - CINCPAC/CINCPACFLT Nuclear Safety Inspection

15-17 August - Torpedo Technical Inspection

15-17 August - Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection

12 September - Armed Forces Explosives Safety Board Inspection

2. Lieutenant (b) (6) relieved Lieutenant (b) (6) as Armory and Range Officer on 6 October, and on 8 December, Aviation Ordnance Technician WO-1, (b) (6) relieved Lieutenant (b) (6) as Advanced Underseas Weapons Officer.

3. On 1 December, the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Branch of the Weapons Department was transferred to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit, Pacific, Detachment Whidbey. This organizational change was approved by CNO ltrser 718P30 of 26 May 1967, and implemented by CINCPACFLTINST 8027.1D, Subj: Explosive Ordnance Disposal.